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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 15, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAN MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 21, 1997, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 9:50 a.m.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) for 5 minutes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GREENVILLE TAR HEEL LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STARS

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I grew up in Farmville, North Carolina, playing Little League Baseball. In fact, it is one of my favorite childhood memories. Little League helped me to learn early in life the importance of responsibility, trust and teamwork. It continues to do the same today for 14 boys from Greenville, North Carolina, and the nearly 3 million young men and

women who participate in Little League Baseball worldwide.

In August, 14 young men, members of the Greenville Tar Heel All Stars, brought together a community, and in doing so they brought excitement and hope to the citizens of North Carolina.

Each summer, from the time Little League Baseball held its first World Series in 1947, young men and women have dreamed of reaching the U.S. finals. This dream came true for the Greenville Tar Heel All Stars.

Last month the team from the Third District of North Carolina traveled to Pennsylvania to compete for the World Series title. This marked the first time since 1952 that a team from North Carolina has made it to the World Series. After a week of competition, I am proud to congratulate the Tar Heel team for finishing second in the Nation to the world champion team from Toms River, New Jersey. This is an outstanding achievement for the Greenville All Stars, whose motivation and dedication helped them reach their goal and perform as true champions.

Being home during the August recess, I had the opportunity to see several of these games on TV. As it always seems to happen when young people excel, the community of families, friends and fans rallied together to support the hard work and dedication of the young team that came to serve as examples for us all.

To the Greenville All Stars, the world champion Toms River team and all Little League teams, congratulations. You performed as true winners. And to the 14 members of the 1998 Greenville Little League team, Richard Barnhill, Sam Byrum, Taylor Gagnon, Zachary Garris, Justin Hardee, Kevin Hodges, Jordan Lee, Michael Lilley, Brack Massey, Jon-Durham Morgan, Shelton Nelson, Patrick Warrington, Alex White, Brandon Brown; and coaches Mason Lilley, Randy White, Greg Benner, Pete Carraway; Manager

Wayne Hardee and Commissioner Lynn Cherry, congratulations. You have made North Carolina proud.

The achievements of the Greenville Tar Heels on the regional and state level created a wave of excitement that brought together the citizens of Pitt County and all of North Carolina to support and celebrate in their success. The boys' hard work and winning attitude filled us with a sense of pride as we cheered on the hometown team.

Participating in a team sport like baseball can teach children some of the most important values they will learn in life, responsibility, hard work and the importance of working together. Little League Baseball also works to instill character and courage in today's youth. In fact, the Little League pledge is this:

"I trust God. I love my country and will respect its laws. I will play fair and strive to win. But win or lose, I will always do my best."

These are ideals that are important to remember at any stage of life. The Greenville Tar Heel Little League team played well, and in the eyes of all North Carolinians they are winners. Not only did they succeed on the field, but they succeeded in bringing together and strengthening the community that watched, cheered and shared in their achievement. Through their success, we have all learned that with hard work, dedication and the support of family and friends, success is within the reach of all who wish to achieve it.

The Greenville All Stars brought pride to our community and will forever remain winners in our hearts and in our minds. Congratulations.

REPAYING THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 21, 1997, the gentleman from

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